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BOARD OF REGENTS MEETS

The Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine held its twenty-fourth meeting at the Library June 23 and 24, 1966.

Dr. William N. Hubbard, Jr. was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board for the coming year. The Regents praised Dr. Hubbard for his inspired and dedicated leadership during the past 12 months.

On behalf of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service and the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Dr. Martin M. Cummings, NLM Director, presented certificates of appreciation to two retiring members, Dr. Alfred A. Gellhorn and Dr. Henry N. Harkins.

The Board discussed a presentation by F. Wilfrid Lancaster on the Library's MEDLARS Demand Search Evaluation Project, and reports by Dr. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director for Intramural Programs, on MEDLARS and on the selection of journals for Index Medicus and MEDLARS.

Dr. Joachim Weyl, Executive Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Scientific and Technical Communication, described the functions of the Committee.

Dr. Hubbard and Dr. Gellhorn reported on their visit to Israel and India, to review NLM Public Law 480 projects being conducted there and to Korea, where they met with the deans of the Korean medical schools.

In their capacity as the National Medical Libraries Assistance Advisory Board, the Regents reviewed pending research and training grant applications for project support under the Medical Library Assistance Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-291).

The Board attended a session of the First Conference on the History of Medicine sponsored by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation in cooperation with the NLM and held concurrently with the Board's meeting at the Library. The theme of the conference was "Education in the History of Medicine."

On the afternoon of June 24, the Regents participated, with the National Advisory Heart Council, in ceremonies honoring Dr. Paul Dudley White (see picture story, page 5).

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HMD CHIEF RECEIVES HONORARY M.D. DEGREE

Dr. John B. Blake, Chief, History of Medicine Division, was awarded an honorary M.D. degree by the Connecticut State Medical Society during the Bicentennial Celebration of the Litchfield County Medical Association, on June 20, at the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dr. Blake is a graduate of Yale, and holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard in the fields of public health and history of medicine.

The Society also awarded an honorary M.D. degree to Mark Van Doren, noted poet and educator.

Dr. Blake

"MEDICAL SYMBOLISM" EXHIBIT NOW ON VIEW

The Library has opened a new exhibit in its lobby, "Medical Symbolism in Books of the Renaissance and Baroque," to be on display through October.

The exhibit, assembled by the History of Medicine Division, features selected symbols appearing in medical books and prints in the Library collection, and describes some of the ways in which these symbols have been interpreted. Materials are grouped under the following headings: Greek and Roman Gods, Hermes and the Caduceus, Saints, Astrology, Alchemy, Animals and Objects, and The Tools of Medicine.

This annotated catalog of the exhibit, prepared by Dr. Peter Krivatsy of HMD, is available on request to the Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

"Medical Symbolism in Books of the Renaissance and Baroque" may be viewed by the public Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Library will be closed evenings, Sundays, and Labor Day. On Tuesday, September 6, regular hours will be resumed, as follows: weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

FIRST OVERSEAS MEDLARS CENTER IN OPERATION

A MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) Search Center at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in England is now in operation - the first to offer MEDLARS services outside the United States.

In announcing the operational status of the Newcastle Center, Dr. Martin M. Cummings commented: "This is a major step in the Library's accelerated program of providing rapid access to and wider dissemination of health-related knowledge to practitioners, investigators, and educators."

The Center in England is operated jointly by the National Lending Library for Science and Technology and the Computing Laboratory of the University. Library, clerical, and distribution facilities are provided by the Library (which collects all the periodicals indexed at NLM) and computer expertise by the Laboratory. The latter is being financed by a three-year contract from the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (Great Britain), parent body of the National Lending Library.

The NLM supplies the Center with copies of the MEDLARS magnetic tape files, and last year provided several months' training in MEDLARS operations for Dr. Anthony J. Harley, Senior Scientific Officer at NLL, and Miss Elizabeth D. Barraclough, senior computer programmer at the Computing Laboratory of the University. Dr. Harley and Miss Barraclough are now conducting the MEDLARS operation at the new center.

EXTRAMURAL PROGRAM CHIEFS NAMED

Dr. Martin M. Cummings has announced the appointment of Carl D. Douglass, Ph.D., as Chief of the Library's new Facilities and Resources Division, and Mr. David F. Kefauver as Chief of the Research and Training Division.

Dr. Marjorie P. Wilson is Associate Director for Extramural Programs (EMP), which have been reorganized to implement the Medical Library Assistance Act. EMP now comprises three divisions: the newly-created Facilities and Resources Division, the Research and Training Division, and the Publications and Translations Division. Mr. Kefauver will also serve as Acting Chief of the Publications and Translations Division, following the appointment of Miss Mary E. Corning as Special Assistant to the Deputy Director, Scott Adams.

Dr. Douglass

The Facilities and Resources Division will administer a program of grants for the construction, renovation, and expansion of health science libraries and for augmenting their basic resources. The Division is also responsible for furthering the development of a national system of regional medical libraries.

Dr. Douglass joined the Library in 1964 as Chief of the Research and Training Division. He formerly was Nutrition Program Officer of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

Mr. Kefauver

The responsibilities of the Research and Training Division have been greatly enlarged. It will conduct a program of grants and awards for training individuals in the health information fields, and make special awards to qualified scientists for preparing comprehensive studies and critical reviews of biomedical literature. Through grants and contracts, the Division will also support research and development projects to gain a better understanding and greater control of all phases of biomedical communication.

Prior to his appointment as Chief of the Division, Mr. Kefauver served the Library as Operations Officer for Extramural Programs. Earlier, he held positions with the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, where he was appointed Training Grants Officer in 1964.

NLM EMBARKS ON ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

Through the medium of tape-recorded interviews by trained historians, NLM hopes to capture some of the significant knowledge and ideas of persons and events now locked in men's memories, which might otherwise be lost through the lack of adequate written records. The Library's program, it is hoped, will provide materials for those interested not only in the scientific advances of medicine, but also in the social forces that have shaped the conditions of practice and research.

Current plans call for interviews to be conducted by staff members of the History of Medicine Division, as well as by oral historians under contract to the Library.

NEW RSD CHIEF APPOINTED

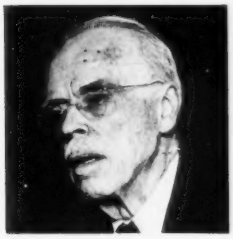
Mr. Waters

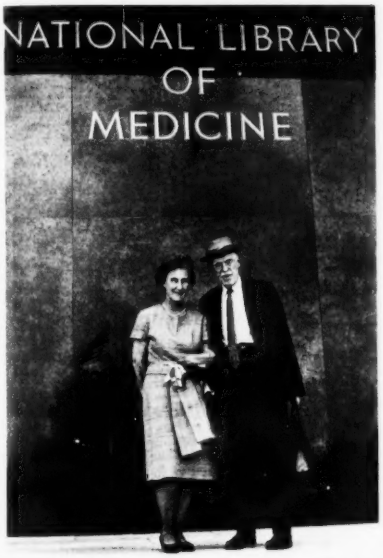
Mr. Samuel T. Waters has been appointed Chief of NLM's Reference Services Division.

Prior to joining NLM, Mr. Waters was Assistant Librarian of the George Washington University Library. From 1951 to 1955, he served with the Library of Congress.

Mr. Waters holds a B.A. degree from the University of Colorado and a Master's degree in library science from the Catholic University of America. He is a member of the American Library Association, the Catholic Library Association, the District of Columbia Library Association, and several other professional organizations.

PAUL DUDLEY WHITE HONORED AT NLM

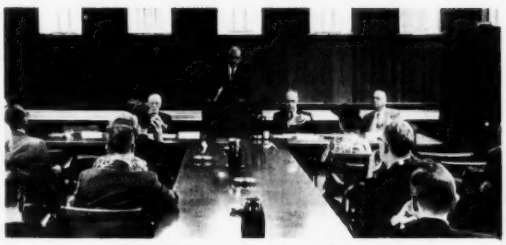




Dr. & Mrs. Paul Dudley White

A portrait of noted cardiologist Paul Dudley White, M.D., was presented to the Government by the artist, Alfred Jonniaux, June 24, 1966. Dr. William H. Stewart, PHS Surgeon General, accepted the gift in a ceremony honoring Dr. White and attended by the NLM Board of Regents and the National Advisory Heart Council. The painting will become part of the NLM History of Medicine Division's collection of portraits.

Dr. White's remarks draw applause



NLM Director welcomes guests

Dr. Cummings greets the Whites

Dr. Stewart, Dr. White, Mr. Jonniaux

Photos by Jerry Hecht

EXPRESS CATALOG SERVICE PROMOTED OVERSEAS

Dr. Louis S. Gerber, Deputy Chief, Technical Services Division, met recently with groups of publishers in England, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands, West Germany, Denmark, and Israel to discuss and encourage their participation in the Library's Express Cataloging Service. This is a cooperative arrangement under which major medical book publishers furnish NLM with an advance copy of every new title immediately upon publication, for optimal currency of listings in the biweekly NLM Current Catalog.

NLM STAFF SPEAK AT DRUG INFORMATION MEETING

Five NLM staff members participated in the Second Annual Meeting of the Drug Information Association in Chicago, June 25 and 26. Theme of the meeting was "Advances in Drug Information Processing."

A full session was devoted to "Interrelationships in Drug Literature Handling - The National Library of Medicine," with Winifred Sewell, Head of the NLM Drug Literature Program, presiding. Anne McCann, Subject Heading Specialist, and Dr. Carl-Eric Elwin, Drug Literature Specialist in Pharmacology, were among the panelists discussing "ASHP-NLM Collaboration in Standardizing Class Terms for Drugs for Mechanized Searching." During the same session, Mrs. Lillian Washington, Systems Analyst, Information Systems Division, spoke on "The Auxiliary Chemical Module -- MEDLARS' 'Switching Station' for Drug Literature."

Miss Sewell presented two other papers during the meeting, one together with Mrs. Gloria Francke, Drug Literature Specialist, on "The Drug Literature Program of the National Library of Medicine and Its Relationship to Hospital-Based Needs," and the other with Mr. Boris Anzlowar, Consultant, Pharmaco-Medical Documentation, entitled "Unlisted Drugs: Evolution of a Cooperative Drug Information Service."

President of the Drug Literature Association for the coming year is Dr. Eugene Conrad, Director, Documentation Section, Department of Drugs, American Medical Association. Miss Sewell was elected Vice-President for 1966-67.

COSTEP STUDENTS TRAIN AT NLM

Three college students began summer tours of duty at the Library this month under COSTEP, the Public Health Service Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program. They are Ann Marie Doran and Richard Arnold, both of Bethesda, and Robert Rosenberg, of Silver Spring, Maryland. COSTEP is a training program primarily for students in the biomedical and related sciences.

Robert Rosenberg

Ann Marie Doran

Richard Arnold

Miss Doran will enter her junior year at St. Catherine's College, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she is studying nursing. She is working this summer with the Library's biomedical subject specialists who are responsible for the revision and updating of the NLM Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), the controlled vocabulary used by NLM to index and catalog much of the world's biomedical literature.

Mr. Rosenberg will be a junior this fall at the University of Maryland in the pre-dental curriculum. This summer - his second at NLM - he has been assigned to work with Kenneth C. Lynn, D.D.S., chiefly on bibliographic research with dental journals. Dr. Lynn is the Library's Coordinator for Dental Affairs.

Mr. Arnold, who is spending his third summer as a COSTEP student at NLM, has just received a B.S. degree in mathematics and computer sciences from Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh. He is working as a programmer in the Information System Division.

For the Public Health Service, COSTEP serves as an invaluable aid to recruitment of well-qualified professionals to staff its programs. Students who have enjoyed the variety and significance of their summer work often choose a permanent career in public health.

VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY COMMENDS FEDERAL WRITERS

Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey commended winners of the Federal Editors Association's Third Annual Government Publications Contest for the greater readability and comprehensibility of the publications which inform the American people of Federal government activities and services.

The Vice-President was a guest at the FEA awards luncheon on June 21, presided over by Gerald N. Kurtz, outgoing President of the Association and Assistant to the Director, NLM. The Federal Editors Association was organized more than 15 years ago as a forum for editors, writers, and illustrators to meet, exchange information, and cooperate in improving government publications. It has more than 300 members representing all departments and agencies.

NLM FEATURED IN NEWSWEEK STORY

The July 25 issue of Newsweek features "The New Librarian" in its Education Section. The article describes the current information explosion and the increasing demands on the nation's libraries, and tells how librarians are applying space age technology to the solution of their problems, creating new kinds of jobs and new types of libraries, from the elementary school level through the specialized information centers serving industry, government, science, and education.

The National Library of Medicine is singled out as a leader in biomedical communications, and its computer-produced Index Medicus as a major resource for the health sciences. Looking to the future, Newsweek cites NLM Director Cummings' prediction that by 1975 complete texts and articles will be stored in computers for dissemination through a national network of retrieval devices.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE LITERATURE SEARCHES

Single copies of the following bibliographies are available on request to the Office of the Assistant to the Director, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. They should be ordered by number. Please do not send requests on interlibrary loan forms.

L.S. No.	Title	Number of Citations
15-66	Lithium in manic-depressive illness. References from: Index Medicus 1960 to date, Bibliography of clinical psychopharmacology 1958-60, and from cited articles.	39
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